

**ACK OF GERMANS WILL SOON
END BIG WAR, SAYS GENERAL**



General Edward Kirkpatrick

San Francisco.—Returning to the United States on a visit after 20 years in Paris, Gen. Edward Kirkpatrick, a veteran of the civil war, says he believes the European war will end this year from lack of men in the central empires.

"Germany has an abundance of munitions and food to continue the war," said Gen. Kirkpatrick, "but the middle of last March, according to military experts, she had only 1,000,000 men and Austria-Hungary 750,000 that could be drawn upon to supply the losses in the field. At Verdun, since the 21st of February, the Kaiser has lost three to one of the French. The duration of the war has been prolonged by a lack of unity between the allies and the want of sufficient munitions to assume the offensive.

"It is the belief of several promi-

nent Socialists with whom I have conversed in Paris that the storm that is being raised in the central empires against the continuance of the war may lead to great and unexpected events before the end of the year; that a revolution, sweeping away tottering thrones, may come, which, compared with the revolution of 1848, may be as the present war is to the small affairs of former times."

WAR BULLETINS

Berlin.—In most stubborn fighting west of Sakul, Germans inflicted new defeats on Russians.

London.—Every surface indication points to beginning of long expected super-offensive of allies. Breaking out with terrific smash against Austrian front, Italians drove Austrians back on front of more than 15 miles. They recaptured seven positions.

Petrograd.—Apparently all Russia approves Foreign Minister Saronoff's statement in exclusive interview with United Press that allies will consider no peace until soil is swept free of enemy.

London.—Russian troops have broken through Carpathian mountains into Transylvania in advance from Bukowina.

Rome.—Austrian troops have begun general retreat on Trentino front under smashing Italian offensive. Italians have captured Austrian positions at Castelgomberito, Meletie, Mont Laugara, Gallio, Asiago, Cesuna and Kente Gagio.

Paris.—French troops carried few elements of German trenches between Fumin and Chenois woods on northeastern front of Verdun last night. German attack west of Thiaumont completely checked by French screen fire.

World's normal yield of the six great cereals ranges from 16,000,000,000 to 19,000,000,000 bushels.